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May 29, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT NINTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE
ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2007-08
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County, allocated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), in the amount of \$693,000, of which \$215,000 will be allocated to the District Attorney and \$478,000 to the Public Defender (Attachment A).
2. Authorize the District Attorney and Public Defender, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The CSA supports this ongoing effort by coordinating JABG grant funds for State and local government agencies. This is the ninth year of the JABG program. The current grant will fund programs from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the CSA in order for the funds to be released to the County.

In accordance with the granting agency requirements, on April 25, 2007, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) convened a meeting of the JABG Advisory Board, comprised of representatives from various agencies, to consider and recommend allocation of the \$693,000 JABG funds provided to the County. The JABG Advisory Board voted to recommend allocation of \$215,000, or approximately 31 percent of the funds, to the District Attorney Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program and \$478,000, or approximately 69 percent, to the Public Defender Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project. A 10 percent match of the total program cost or \$770,000, or \$77,000, is required.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, to provide quality public service; Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness, to enhance organizational effectiveness across jurisdictional boundaries; Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, to secure available revenue sources to offset program costs; and Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-Being, to promote the social and emotional well-being of minors and families in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Los Angeles County's 2007-08 JABG allocation is \$693,000, or 90% of the total program cost of \$770,000. The JABG grant guidelines require a 10 percent match of the total project cost, or \$77,000. An allocation of \$215,000 and \$478,000 will be included in the District Attorney and Public Defender's 2007-08 budgets, respectively. The Departments will use existing resources to absorb the required match.

Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs could either be continued with costs absorbed by the participating departments, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The JABG program remains under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. The CSA recently published the 2007 JABG funding award amounts designated by Congress. The amount allocated for eligible counties in California is \$2,536,000, which is \$202,000 less than last year. Of the state award, \$693,000 is allocated to Los Angeles County.

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The JABG Advisory Board membership consists of the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, City of Monterey Park Chief of Police, and representatives from the following agencies: the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Due to the reduction in available grant funding, the District Attorney's JOIN program will receive an allocation of \$17,000 less than last year's allocation of \$232,000, and the Public Defender's CARE project will receive an allocation of \$37,000 less than the 2006 level of \$515,000. Unfunded program components will be absorbed by each department or reduced as necessary. The funding allocation was recommended by the JABG Advisory Board and has been reviewed and cleared by the affected County departments regarding service level impact.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return three original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
District Attorney
Public Defender

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
2 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
3 **RESOLUTION**

4 **WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to undertake the Juvenile**
5 **Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and the Client Assessment**
6 **Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) projects to be funded in part from funds**
7 **made available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program**
8 **administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**
9 **Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) (hereafter referred to as CSA).**

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors**
11 **of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the District Attorney and Public**
12 **Defender or their designees, to submit the two proposals to the CSA. Said**
13 **individuals are authorized to sign and approve the Grant Award Agreement**
14 **including any extensions or amendments thereof on behalf of the Board of**
15 **Supervisors and to serve as Project Directors and perform all necessary tasks**
16 **to complete the projects.**

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all**
18 **matching funds required for said projects (including any amendment thereof)**
19 **under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the CSA and that**
20 **the match will be appropriated as required.**

21 **IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this**
22 **Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the**
23 **responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of**
24 **California and the CSA disclaim responsibility for any such liability.**

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not**
be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

1 The foregoing resolution was on the 29th day of MAY, 2007,
2 passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
3 Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment
4 and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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6 Ayes:

7 Noes:

8 Absent:

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11 SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
12 of the Board of Supervisors of the
13 County of Los Angeles



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18 By _____

19 Deputy

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
22 Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
23 COUNTY COUNSEL

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25 By _____

JENNIFER LEHMAN

Principal Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY JABG FUNDS

The District Attorney and Public Defender are the County agencies participating in JABG. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds for the following programs:

District Attorney \$ 215,000

- The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program diverts first-time serious offenders ages 10-17 into a voluntary one-year program that offers immediate intervention and accountability without formal prosecution. Under the supervision of a Hearing Officer, JOIN youth and their parents promptly take responsibility for their actions, make restitution and apologize to their victim(s), perform community service, attend school regularly, and participate in counseling and parenting programs. JOIN cases are resolved without a court appearance at approximately 13 percent of the cost of court processing. JOIN's success rate exceeds 72 percent, making it one of the most effective juvenile diversion programs in California. In 2007-08 JOIN will serve 350 juvenile offenders.

Public Defender \$ 478,000

- The Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams at the 10 Juvenile Courts to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, special education, and psycho-social needs. CARE project services include identifying services and programs to meet the minor's needs, conducting psycho-social assessments, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client and family support during the court process, and developing recommendations for effective disposition plans and conditions of probation. CARE will serve 1,200 juvenile clients during the grant period.

Total JABG Funds \$ 693,000